

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Official Action mailed June 21, 2004. Claims 1-7 and 15-20 are pending. Claims 8-14 have been canceled, without prejudice.

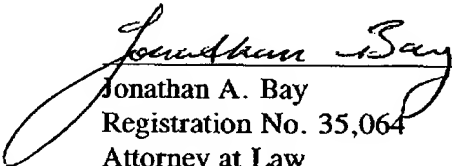
In the Official Action, claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wolf (U.S. Pat. No 5,517,605) in view of the examiner taking official notice. Applicant is pleased that claims 15-20 are allowed.

Reconsideration of claims 1-7 is respectfully requested. Allowance of these claims is requested because the invention claimed as a whole in each of these claims is neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record, whether considered individually or in any routine combination. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is proper and is hereby respectfully requested.

Every effort has been made to particularly and distinctly define the subject matter of the invention. The claims are definite, and are patentable over the prior art of record. The differences between the invention and the prior art are such that the subject matter claimed as a whole would not have been known or obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Reconsideration, and allowance of all the pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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